

that are also published in foreign countries, (3) protects investments in processes and factory equipment of American manufacturers by creating a prior user defense, (4) provides a low-cost, speedy alternative to district court litigation by strengthening the Patent and Trademark Office's reexamination procedure, and (5) improves efficiency of the Patent and Trademark Office.

The substance of this bill has been debated in many Congressional hearings since the beginning of the 104th Congress. The House passed a companion bill earlier this year and S. 507 was favorably reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 17 to 1.

S. 507 enjoys strong bipartisan support, despite the substantial misinformation that has surrounded it. It is time for the Senate to vote on this bill, which will strengthen the U.S. economy and keep jobs in America.

Sincerely,

Grant Saviers, Chairman, CEO and President, Adaptec, Inc.; H.A. Wagner, Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.; John R. Stafford, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, American Home Products Corp.; John I. Shipp, President, Apollo Camera, L.L.C.; Carol Bartz, Chairman, President and CEO, Autodesk, Inc.; Clateo Castellini, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO, Becton, Dickinson and Co.; Donald V. Fites, Chairman and CEO, Caterpillar Inc.; William J. Hudson, President and Chief Executive Officer, AMP Inc.; James C. Morgan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Applied Materials, Inc.; William H. Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bear Creek Corp.; Gregory Bentley, President, Bentley Systems, Inc.; Frank Baldino, Jr., Ph.D., President and CEO, Cephalon, Inc.; Dominique Goupil, President, Claris Corp.; Hans W. Becherer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Deere & Co.; John A. Krol, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.; George M. C. Fisher, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Eastman Kodak Co.; Alex Trotman, Chairman of the Board, Ford Motor Co.; Eckhard Pfeiffer, President and CEO, Compaq Computer Corp.; William S. Stavropoulos, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Dow Chemical Co.; Earnest W. Deavenport, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Eastman Chemical Co.; Robert N. Burt, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, FMC Corp.; John D. Opie, Vice Chairman, General Electric Co.; Phillip W. Farmer, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Harris Corp.; Thomas F. Kennedy, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hoechst Celanese Corp.; Gordon E. Moore, Chairman, Intel Corp.; Richard A. McGinn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lucent Technologies; William H. Gates, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Microsoft Corp.; Lewis E. Platt, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer, Hewlett-Packard Co.; Louis V. Gerstener, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, IBM Corp.; Jeff Papows, President, Lotus Development Corp.; William W. George, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Medtronic, Inc.; L. D. DeSimone, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.; Edward J. Mooney, Chairman and CEO, Nalco Chemical Co.; William C. Steere, Jr., Chairman of the Board and CEO, Pfizer, Inc.; Charles S. Johnson, Chair-

man, President and CEO, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.; H.W. Lichtenberger, Chief Executive Officer, Praxair, Inc.; Jeremiah J. Sheehan, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Reynolds Metals Co.; Eric Schmidt, Chairman and CEO, Novell, Inc.; W.W. Allen, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Phillips Petroleum Co.; Gary DiGamillo, Chief Executive Officer, Polaroid Corp.; John E. Pepper, Chairman and CEO, Procter & Gamble; Bill Budinger, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rodel, Inc.; Larry Wilson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Rohm and Haas Co.; Scott McNealy, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer, Sun Microsystems, Inc.; Melvin R. Goodes, Chief Executive Director, Warner-Lambert Co.; Alan F. Shugart, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President, Seagate Technology; William H. Joyce, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Union Carbide Corp.; Ernest H. Drew, Chief Executive Officer, Industries and Technology Group, Westinghouse Electric Corp.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:26 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2411. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission.

H.R. 3303. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28, United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice; and for other purposes.

H.R. 4059. An act making appropriations for the military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4060. An act making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support the efforts of Federal law enforcement agents engaged in investigation and prosecution of money laundering associated with Mexican financial institutions.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 22 U.S.C. 276h, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, in addition to Mr. KOLBE of Arizona, Chairman, and Mr. GILMAN of New York, Vice Chairman, appointed

on April 27, 1998: Mr. DREIER, Mr. BAR-TON, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. HAMILTON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. REYES.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2411. An act to provide for a land exchange involving the Cape Cod National Seashore and to extend the authority for the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 3303. An act to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for the fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2001; to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 to carry out certain programs administered by the Department of Justice; to amend title 28, United States Code with respect to the use of funds available to the Department of Justice; and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 288. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should support the efforts of Federal law enforcement agents engaged in investigation and prosecution of money laundering associated with Mexican financial institutions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the first and second times, and placed on the calendar:

H.J. Res. 113. Joint resolution approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capital.

The following bill was read the second time and ordered placed on the calendar:

H.R. 4059. An act making appropriations for the military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-5653. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a financial guarantee for the sale of aircraft to Hainan Airlines in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5654. A communication from the President and Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a financial guarantee for the sale of aircraft to Air Pacific Ltd. of Fiji; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5655. A communication from the Director of the Office of Regulatory Management

and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding residue tolerances for the pesticide tebufenozide; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5656. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a cost comparison of base supply functions at Kirkland Air Force Base, New Mexico; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5657. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a cost comparison on communications functions at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5658. A communication from the Director of the Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report on goods and services provided to the multinational coalition to restore democracy to Haiti; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-5659. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture, transmitting, a report on Administration views regarding Committee action on USDA funding and allocations for fiscal year 1999; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5660. A communication from the Executive Director of the Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of additions and deletions to the procurement list dated June 10, 1998; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5661. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Office of the Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule regarding the extension of expiration dates on listings of medical criteria used to determine certain types of disability received on June 19, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5662. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Treatment of Hybrid Arrangements Under Subpart F" (Notice 98-35) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5663. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit of the Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Low-Income Housing Credit" (Rev. Rul. 98-31) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5664. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Missouri Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Plan" (MO-034-FOR) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5665. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mississippi Regulatory Program" (MS-014-FOR) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5666. A communication from the Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Virginia Regulatory Program" (VA-112-FOR) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5667. A communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tobacco Inspection; Growers' Refund Results" (Docket TB-97-16) received on June 19, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5668. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Assessment and Apportionment of Administrative Expenses; Technical Change" (RIN-3052-AB83) received on June 22, 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5669. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Study on Health, Safety, and Equipment Standards for Boxing"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

EC-5670. A communication from the Chairman of the National Skill Standards Board, transmitting, the annual report for calendar year 1997; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-487. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Appropriations.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 216

Whereas, The Delaware River represents one of Pennsylvania's and one of the nation's most important water resources, serving as a water supply for 17 million persons in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware; and

Whereas, The Delaware River is an interstate stream forming the boundary between states for its entire length of 330 miles; and

Whereas, Two major sections of the Delaware River have been designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

Whereas, The remaining section of the Delaware River has been studied and is now in the process of being designated under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; and

Whereas, The Delaware River and the Pennsylvania tributaries serve as a major recreational facility for the large population of the New York/Pennsylvania Metropolitan Area; and

Whereas, The Congress of the United States created the Delaware River Basin Compact (Compact) in recognition of the need to coordinate the efforts of the four states and Federal agencies and to establish a management system to oversee the use of water and related natural resources of the Delaware River Basin; and

Whereas, The Compact was enacted by the legislatures of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware and by Congress and was signed into law on September 27, 1961, to provide a mechanism to guide the conservation, development and administration of water resources of the river basin; and

Whereas, The Compact established the Delaware River Basin Commission (Commission) as the agency to coordinate the water resources efforts of the four states and the Federal Government and provided the Commission with authority for management and protection of flood plains, water supplies, water quality, watersheds, recreation, fish and wildlife and cultural, visual and other amenities; and

Whereas, The Commission has provided for equitable treatment of all parties without regards to political boundary; and

Whereas, The Commission includes both the Delaware River and Delaware Bay, which serve the port of Pennsylvania, a port that handles the largest volume of petroleum of all United States' ports; and

Whereas, Sections 3.3 and 3.4 of the Compact specifically provide for the Commission, with the consent of the parties in the matter of state of New Jersey v. state of New York et al. 347 U.S. 995 (1954) to apportion the water to and among the states; and

Whereas, The Commission has successfully negotiated all disputes or conflicts between parties without any appeal to the United States Supreme Court; and

Whereas, Section 13.3 of the Compact calls for the adoption and apportionment of the Commission's annual expense budget among the signatory parties to the Compact; and

Whereas, The United States is a duly constituted signatory party to the Compact; and

Whereas, In fiscal years 1996, 1997 and 1998, the Commission duly submitted its approved budgets to the President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and Congress; and

Whereas, The Federal Government failed to provide full funding in fiscal year 1996 and failed to provide any funding in fiscal years 1997 and 1998 for the Commission's current expense budget and has, therefore, not met the funding requirement of section 13.3 of the Compact; and

Whereas, The Commission also has adopted and duly submitted to OMB a current expense budget for fiscal year 1999 that includes an apportionment for the Federal Government in the amount of no dollars; and

Whereas, The fair share apportionment of the Commission's annual expense budget for the Federal Government for fiscal year 1999 is \$628,000; and

Whereas, The cumulative shortfall of Federal funding for the Commission since fiscal year 1996 to \$1.716 million; and

Whereas, The Commission pays the Federal Government approximately \$1.3 million per year to purchase storage in the Blue Marsh and Beltzville multipurpose reservoirs; and

Whereas, The Commission is the agent of Congress in the allocation of the waters of the basin among the signatory states; and

Whereas, The Commission, through its regulations and programs, protects interstate waters and the Delaware Bay and provides a forum for the prevention and settlement of interstate disputes that arise over the use of interstate waters; and

Whereas, Through these interstate functions and many other programs and activities, such as the coordination of the basin flood and drought forecasting and warning system, the Commission saves the Federal Government time, resources and money, thus advancing the welfare of the nation; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States and Congress to provide the Commission with funding in an amount equal to what is owed for the Federal Government's share of the Commission's operating budgets for fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the President of the United States and Congress to fulfill the Federal Government's obligation under the Delaware River Basin Compact to annually contribute the apportioned share of the Commission's future operating budgets; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.